



# Duke Human Rights Center

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## RightsWatch

HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE AGE OF TRUMP

What do the rights to due process, health care, a clean environment, education and a living wage have in common? Over the next four years, we are likely to witness dramatic changes in how the US government sees and treats fundamental rights. RightsWatch seeks to bring Duke scholars and activists in conversation about the rights debates that will shape the future. These panels are designed to comment on a fast-moving political scene while at the same time engaging in civil - and deeply civic - conversation.

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## Meet Catherine Flowers

The DHRC@FHI is pleased to welcome Catherine Coleman Flowers as the 2017 FHI Practitioner in Residence. Ms. Flowers is the founder



of the Alabama Center for Rural Enterprise Community Development Corporation (ACRE) which seeks to address the root causes of poverty through sustainable solutions. Flowers' work at ACRE addresses the lack of sewage disposal infrastructure in Alabama's rural Black Belt, where the legacy of racism and neglect stretches back to the time of slavery.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### RightsWatch: Health Care

January 26 @ 12:00pm - 1:30pm  
Smith Warehouse Bay 4

#### John Prendergast, "Understanding South Sudan's Endless War"

February 2nd @ 5:00pm - 6:00pm  
Rubenstein 153

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITY: Human Rights Research Grant



Duke undergraduate and graduate students are invited to apply for summer research funding from the Duke Human Rights Center@FHI. Grants of up to \$2000 are awarded to students of all academic backgrounds. Applications are due by March 1st.

Ms. Flowers' residency allows students, staff, and faculty to collaborate on projects that further ACRE's goals and contribute to humanities research and activism. Ms. Flowers will be on campus for two days each month teaching, working with students on research projects, giving lectures, and meeting with faculty. Please contact [Emily.Stewart@duke.edu](mailto:Emily.Stewart@duke.edu) for more information.

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## Pauli Murray Home Named National Historic Landmark



The Pauli Murray home has just been named a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior. This is North Carolina's 1st National Historic Landmark dedicated to Women's and LGBTQ history and its 39th overall.

"We are thrilled to be named a National Historic Landmark and this designation recognizes Pauli Murray as the nationally significant human rights champion she was," said Mayme Webb-Bledsoe, board chair of the Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice. "Our goal is a visitor ready historic site in 2020 focused on history, arts, education and activism, where learning and thoughtful discussion that advances Pauli's vision for an inclusive America takes place."

In addition, the Pauli Murray Center received one of the grants made by the National Park Service to support preservation efforts at Civil Rights sites. Their \$237,575 grant will fund the renovation of the interior of the historic Pauli Murray Family Home and the development of the grounds.

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## SNCC Digital Gateway

A new documentary website debuted on December 13th and is a collaboration between the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Legacy Project, Duke's Center for Documentary Studies, and Duke Libraries. It unveils the inner workings of SNCC as an organization, examining how it coordinated sit-ins and freedom schools, voter registration and economic cooperatives, anti-draft protests and international solidarity



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### STUDENT OPPORTUNITY: DukelImmerse



DukelImmerse is a semester-long program in which all courses are small, interdisciplinary seminars built on a single theme. Small class sizes are taught by professors whose research and expertise connect student's studies to the real world. Applications are now available for [DHRC@FHI](mailto:DHRC@FHI)'s [Rights & Identities in the Americas program](#)

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITY: Koonz Prize



Duke undergraduates are invited to enter essays or alternative projects regarding global human rights issues in our annual Oliver W. Koonz Human Rights Prize competition. The Duke Human Rights Center awards one \$500 prize in each category of best essay and best alternative project on a human rights theme. Essays and

struggles.

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## Social Advocacy in NC

Duke students in Bruce Orenstein's 2014 Video for Social Change class at the Center for Documentary Studies learned what it means to live the life of a social advocate in North Carolina. Through a series of oral history interviews, students explored the motivations of activists across North Carolina, painting a portrait of social advocacy efforts related to labor, civil rights, immigration, and education. Bruce believes that these oral histories will give future students and researchers the opportunity to learn about the struggles, successes, and challenges that activists have encountered in the past and continue to confront in the present. To listen to the interviews with some of our community's most inspiring social advocates, click below.



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projects are due by April 1st.

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